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The Honorable Charles O. Rossotti
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Rossotti:

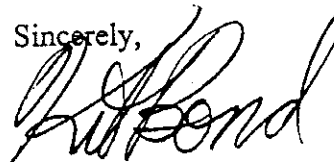
Today, the Senate Committee on Small Business will unveil its "IRS Paperwork Unpopularity Poll," which developed out of our discussion during the Committee's April 12th hearing on tax filing and reporting burdens facing small businesses. Small-business taxpayers can participate in this project by casting their vote on the Committee's webpage at <http://sbc.senate.gov>.

We have designed the poll to collect information about the IRS forms, schedules, instructions, publications, letters, and notices most in need of common-sense review and revision. It is my goal over the next year to provide you periodically with a list of the worst offenders in each category so you can begin the review and revision process we discussed at the hearing.

There is much that the IRS and Congress need to do if we are to reduce the tax filing and recordkeeping burdens that small businesses encounter every day. This common-sense review of IRS forms and other documents is a first step, and one that could have far-reaching benefits for small-business owners across the nation. I greatly appreciate your willingness to work with me on this project, and I am particularly grateful for the professionalism and commitment of your staff. In particular, I commend to you the hard work of Kevin Brown, Sue Sottile, Sharon Medley, Barry Fulcher, Ann Gelineau, and the many other individuals who were invaluable to our work on this project.

Again, thank you for your assistance. I look forward to continuing to work with you to reduce the tax filing and reporting burdens imposed on small-business taxpayers.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond
Chairman